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The VEB Organa Bergbau-Sprengstoff- und Zundmittelwerk Schonebeck/Elbe. is enclosed by three barbed wire fences. There are bloodhounds in the first fence corridor. The second fence corridor is patrolled by People's Police and factory guards. At every one to two hundred meters there are watchtowers with installations for machineguns.

Blasting gelatin, all kinds of shell explosive charges, and dynamite made according to a special process, are being produced in addition to fuse cords. The production rooms are located six meters underground and are divided into two-man chambers. It is alleged that there are about 40 of these chambers in operation. Recently, an explosion occurred in one of the chambers in which blasting gelatin was being manufactured. Three workers died as a result of the emplosion.

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